

PREFACE

The idea of political, cultural, and religious freedom serves the very basis of modern democracy. The question of its limits, however, remains open to debate. The present volume contains the proceedings of the international colloquium *To Be Free. Freedom and Its Limits in the Ancient World* held on 21–23 September at the Jagiellonian University. The colloquium was a common project carried out by the Historia Iagellonica Society, together with the Department of Ancient History and the Institute of Classical Philology of the Jagiellonian University. The aim of the colloquium was to promote discussion on the continuity of the development of the idea of freedom. The presented papers comprised the literary meaning of *eleutheria* and *libertas*, and its influence on the political and the cultural life. This volume does not include two of them, which – we hope – will be published elsewhere.

We would like to express our acknowledgments for assistance and financial support to Professor Maria Nowakowska Vice-Rector of the Jagiellonian University; Professor Piotr Franaszek, Director of the Institute of History, JU; Professor Jerzy Styka, Director of the Institute of the Classical Philology, JU; dr Stanisław Pijaj President of the Historia Iagellonica Society and to the State Committee for Scientific Research (KBN).

The Editors
Kraków, 15th December 2003